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LB 862, 820

a comparatively simple bill. It provides for the State of Nebraska to authorize collection of taxes on a new size package of cigarettes. Presently, our state provides that if you want to package cigarettes containing 25 in a package, that you must pay tax on 40 cigarettes. This legislation simply provides for a tax on 25 cigarettes based upon the tax for each single cigarette over 20. There are many states today that are selling cigarettes that are packaged in the new 25 pack cigarette package and this just simply authorizes the State of Nebraska to change their method of taxation on those over 20 in a package. It would not lose any money for the State of Nebraska and, in fact, could bring money into the State of Nebraska because today they cannot come in because of the tax that they would have to pay. This went through Committee without any descending votes. I move that it be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on LB 862? Senator Chronister. All those in favor of voting, of advancing LB 862, vote aye. Opposed, vote no. Please record your vote on the advancement of LB 862. Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: 862 is advanced. Now then, LB 820.

CLERK: 820 by Senator Hefner. (Read title.) It was first read on January 5 of this year, referred to Miscellaneous Subjects for hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, LB 820 would make a minor change in the bonding provisions required for a person who holds a retail alcoholic liquor license. At the present time, a \$2,000 surety bond is required to be furnished by the retailer at the time he receives his liquor license. This bond provides that he shall faithfully comply with the laws of the State of